

Minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting Monday, Nov 14th, 2016

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM in the upstairs meeting room of the Slaughter Beach Memorial Volunteer Fire Company by Mayor Harry Ward. Council members present were Kathleen Lock, Bill Krause and Bob Wood. Member absent was Amy Parker. Community members in attendance are shown on the attached sign-in sheet.

2. Welcoming & Announcements

Mayor Ward acknowledged those in attendance and thanked everyone for their support.

3. Approval of the Nov 14th, 2016 meeting agenda

Motion: A motion was made by Kathy lock to approve the Nov 14th, 2016 meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Bill Krause. **The motion carried unanimously, 4-0.**

4. Approval of the Oct. 10th, 2016 Town meeting minutes

Motion: A motion was made by Kathy Lock to approve the Oct 10th 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bill Krause. **The motion carried 4-0.**

5. Reading of Correspondence

We received copies of 2 letters send from DNREC stating that 2 residents we using sand to fill in their property and did not have a permit these properties are listed as wetlands by the Army Corp of Engineers. Both properties are on the bay side in the 500 block of Bay Ave.

6. Mayoral or council Updates

There were no updates this month.

Reports:

A. Treasurer

Kathy Lock presented the Sept 2016 Treasurer's Report, prepared by bookkeeper Jennifer Cornell. Handouts were available at the meeting.

Motion: *Bill Krause made a motion to approve the Oct. 2016 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. Bob Wood seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously 4-0.***

- B. Building Enforcement Officer/ Floodplain Administrator.** *Mayor Ward presented the Building Enforcement/Floodplain Administrator's written report. Bob Clendaniel reported that he worked on one permit and several drive-throughs for a total of 7.5 hours.*

C Tax Collectors Report Angela Tibbets report was presented by Kathy Lock. There are several tax bills that need to be paid but not much difference that last year at this time. Angela will send copies to those effected tomorrow.

D Town Street Committee report

Jimmy Dalton noted that the bathrooms have been winterized.

The dividers that are behind the restrooms are being repaired due to vandalism.

There was some discussion about maybe leaving the restrooms open until the first frost next year.

7 Old Business

a) Grants

✓ **USDA Grant 1 wastewater**

✓ The engineering study suggest that we tie into Milford system and after meeting with the Milford officials, they supported the idea for now

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✓ Sussex County engineering Office supported the idea of the county owning and Operating the Sewer system.

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✓ Sussex County needs council to allow them to also study the project from there standpoint. They could than go to the Sussex County Council for a referendum to create the Slaughter Beach Sewer District.

Council will further discuss this at the December Meeting.

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USDA Grant 2 Water

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We are at the beginning of this study. The Engineer has just started the process.

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✓ **DNREC Resiliency Grant**

The next step will be the meeting of 2 or more focus groups made up of residents sometime in December

b) Beach Replenishment Committee

The Committee is in the process of gathering reports from other area communities to study their approaches.

The committee is also in the process of meeting with Newly Elected Councilman I. G. Burton, Rep. Harvey Kenton and State Senator Gary Simpson.

c) Update on the 500-600 Block of Bay Ave fill discussion with DNREC and the Army Corps of Engineers

Deldot has been in town several times to clear the drains. There seems to be a problem finding 2 of them but we will keep looking until their locations are established. This should help impact at least 2 of the flood prone areas.

b) Trash Grant

We received a \$500.00 grant from Rep. Harvey Kenton's Office. We are Planning to use the funds to offset charges in the spring.

8. New Business:

1. *Banking relationship change.*

We are slowly transferring funds from PNC to WSFS

- 2.** Flood signs should be removed ASAP after the water has receded. A detour sign can cause issues when it is left in place
- 3.** We will revisit the ongoing issues with one property via DNREC and the Council

10 Upcoming Events

Next Town Council Meeting Dec 12 @ 7:00 PM.

13 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Krause @ 8:17 PM and seconded by Kathy Lock Vote 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

Robert G. Wood
Secretary